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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

This is a preliminary amendment accompanying a new patent application being filed simultaneously herewith.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please replace the claims with the following amended claims.

1. (original) An output information management system including an information storage medium for a user, an output device which outputs information onto media, and a server communicably connected to the output device through a communication network,

the information storage medium having a memory on which unique information is stored;

the output device having a reading unit which reads the unique information from the information storage medium and a unit which transmits information to be outputted onto media to the server in association with the unique information read by the reading unit; and

the server having a database for storing the information received from the output device in association with the unique information.